

Remarks

Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested. The amendment places the application in condition for allowance and is, therefore, appropriate under Rule 116.

By the present amendment, Claim 7 is canceled, with the subject matter of Claim 7 having been incorporated in Claim 1.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Claim 7 has been indicated as being allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. The incorporation of the subject matter of Claim 7 into Claim 1, on which Claim 7 was dependent, corresponds to rewriting Claim 7 in independent form.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

It is further respectfully submitted, that Claims 2-6, dependent on Claim 1, are likewise allowable as being dependent on an allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawing be further amended or corrected in formal respects, in order to place in case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's amendment and the case passed issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted

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